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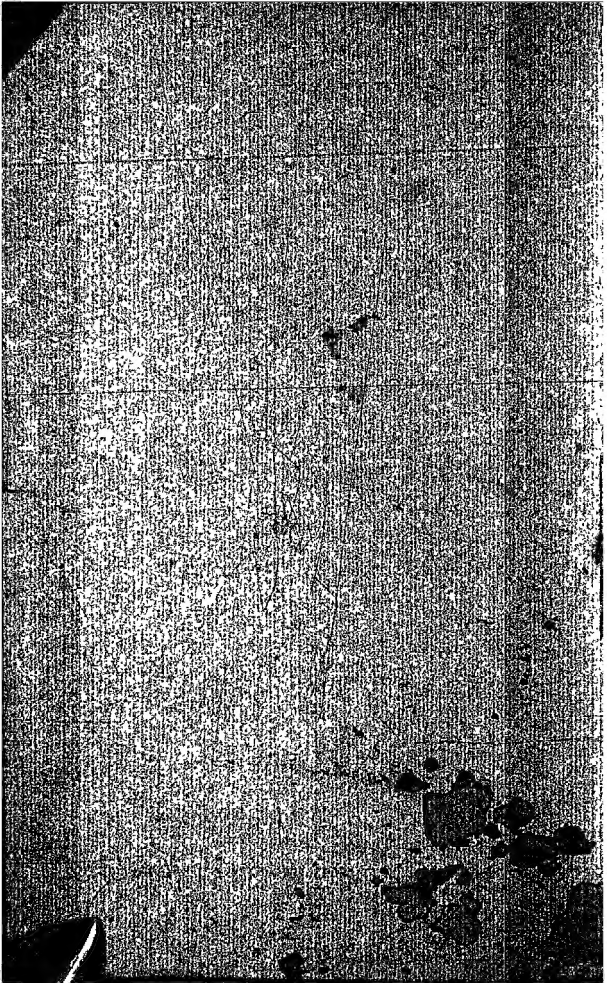
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## Historical Record of Mascona Lodge No. 23, A.F. & A.M., G.R.M.

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THE history of a Masonic Lodge is the history of the community in which it is situated. When the pioneers of civilization pause in their wanderings and say, "Here shall be a city," the Freemason is never far behind; and, with the perseverance and skill which the teachings of the Craft so strikingly inculcate, he lays out his foundations, sets his cornerstone with level, square and plumb rule, and erects an edifice more or less stately. As the community thrives, so does the Lodge; each, though perhaps unaware of the fact, helping and encouraging the other. Men who possess the respect and confidence of their fellow citizens are quickly known to be enthusiastic members of the fraternity; the influence of Masonry makes itself felt in both business and social circles, and the presence of a flourishing Masonic Lodge is recognized by all as a voucher for the progress of the community in the paths of knowledge and morality.

Such has been the case wherever the unquenchable light of Masonry has shed its benign influence, and no less has it been the case on our North-West prairies. There is hardly a town of any consequence in Manitoba or the North-West that does not contain within its limits a Masonic Lodge. In the beginning of 1892 there were forty-six Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and since

that time the number has been considerably increased. Among this number Wascana Lodge, occupies an important position. In point of seniority it stands ~~second on the list~~ of Territorial Lodges; Kinistino (Prince Albert) No. 16 G.R.M., being the premier Lodge.

Regina was a mere collection of tents and shanties when, early in January, 1883, a few brethren held a meeting for the purpose of taking steps to organize a Lodge. The matter was taken up with a vigor which will be ever remembered to their credit; a dispensation was applied for and obtained, and the first meeting took place on the 6th March, 1883, in a building owned by the Presbyterian Church. Right Worshipful Brother James Henry Benson was the Master appointed, and he had for Wardens Bro. A. G. M. Spragge and Bro. John A. Kerr. The officers appointed by the W.M. were: Bro. T. C. Johnstone, S.D., Bro. F. W. Evett, J.D. Elected officers: Bro. Rev. A. Osborne, first Church of England clergyman in Regina, Chaplain; Bro. W. J. Lindsay, Treasurer; Bro. John Secord, Secretary. No less than six applications for initiation were received at the first meeting of the Lodge. At the close of the meeting the brethren were invited to supper at the Commercial Hotel, then kept by Bro. Prest, on South Railway Street, when an enjoyable evening was spent.

It is interesting to note that the first members initiated by the newly formed Lodge were Bro. Hugh Mackay, who has since passed from the scene of his

earthly labors, and W. Bro. James A. MacCaul, who still occupies an honored position in the fraternity and among his fellow citizens.

Masonry having thus become an established fact in Regina, the membership of the Lodge rapidly increased and steps were taken to secure a more suitable and convenient place of meeting. After much trouble a room was finally rented in a building owned by Dr. Cotton on Broad Street, where the Lodge met for the first time at an emergent communication on 10th July, 1893. On the 4th December of the same year the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John Headley Bell, 32°, paid the first official visit to the Lodge.

At the meeting held on 4th February, 1884, Bro. William Macauley Herchmer, St. John's Lodge No. 3 G.R.C., became a member of Wascana Lodge by affiliation. This gallant officer, whose sad death occurred on New Year's Day, 1892, was thus the first of the North-West Mounted Police Force to become a member of the Lodge. Since that date the Lodge has received many Mounted Policemen, and none make more enthusiastic Masons.

In March, 1885, the Lodge again moved to a hall on Scarth Street rented from Mr. George Wallis. Here many pleasant and memorable gatherings took place, which greatly strengthened the brethren and enabled them gradually to emerge from the difficulties which, to some extent, hindered their early labors. The Lodge meetings at this time were well attended, the work was skillfully performed and much enthusiasm prevail-

ed amongst the members. Gifts of furniture and jewels from members were not infrequent, and the festivals of the craft were duly observed. On October 5th, 1888, Bro. W. J. Lindsay, Secretary of the Lodge, was presented with a handsome epergne on leaving the city; and on January 8th, 1889, Bro. J. A. MacCaul, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. On the 24th March, 1889, a Lodge of Sorrow was held to pay the last solemn rites of Masonry to Bro. Hugh McKay; and on the 15th July, 1889, a similar token of affection and respect was paid to Bro. W. H. Pingle. At this time the Lodge meetings were being held in a building at the corner of Rose and South Railway Streets, the room on Scarth Street having proved inadequate. From this hall the brethren were forced by the destructive fire of 1889, which destroyed it, as well as a large portion of the business part of the town. Court Regina, No. 1, of the Canadian Order of Foresters, promptly placed the use of their comfortable hall at the disposal of Wascana Lodge, and here the brethren continued to meet till the new hall, which was being built by Bro. Andrew Martin on Scarth Street, had reached completion. The latter was dedicated with due ceremonial in August, 1890, and there the Lodge at present meets.

On 26th September, 1892, Bro. E. J. Weeks, who had attained through Masonic merit to the dignified position of District Deputy Grand Master, and who had proved himself a worthy craftsman, died. His funeral was conducted with the full Masonic rite, and was attended by the Lodge in a body.



Masonry is making good progress in Regina; the accession of a large number of young members having had an invigorating effect. Financially to-day Wascana Lodge is in a most satisfactory condition. while a working membership of over seventy ensures its influence and activity.

The condition of the craft being then one on which every true Mason in the District may be congratulated, it becomes us not to forget in these days, when the ship of Masonry sails in smooth waters, the struggles of those who stood manfully to their principles and navigated it through the storms and between the breakers that threaten every new undertaking.

Regina, 13th March, 1893.

### CHARTERED MEMBERS OF WASCANA LODGE.

| NAME,                | MOTHER LODGE.           | RANK. |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Benson, James Henry, | Brittania 170, G.R.C.,  | P.M.  |
| Spragge, A. G. M.,   | Ionic 25, G.R.C.,       | M.M.  |
| Kerr, John A.,       | Tecumseh 144, G.R.C.,   | "     |
| Osborne, Arthur,     | King Solomon 9,         | "     |
|                      | G.R., P.E.I.            | "     |
| Sécord, John,        | King Hiram 78, G.R.C.,  | "     |
| Firstbrook, W. D.,   | Zetland 326, G.R.C.,    | "     |
| Evetts, F. W.,       | St. Andrews 6, G.R.Q.,  | "     |
| Johnstone, T. C.,    | Zetland 326, G.R.C.,    | "     |
| Bolé, Jas.,          | Havelock 238, G.R.C.,   | "     |
| Johnson, D. A.,      | Bothwell 179, G.R.C.,   | "     |
| Laidlaw, J. S.,      | Blythe 303, G.R.C.,     | "     |
| Lindsay, W. J.,      | Ernys Creek 513, Texas, | "     |
| Barton, Thomas,      | Earl of Shrewsbury 120, | "     |
|                      | England,                | "     |
| Barker, C. H.,       | Sharon 97, G.R.C.,      | "     |

## OFFICERS OF WASCANA LODGE FROM AUGUST 13TH, 1884, TO 1893.

Installed August 13th, 1884 :—W.M., J. H. Benson ; S.W., A. G. M. Spragge ; J.W., John A. Kerr ; Chap., Rev. A. Osborne ; Treasurer, W. J. Lindsay ; Sec., John Secord ; S.D., T. C. Johnstone ; J.D., F. W. Evetts ; D. of C., D. A. Johnston.

Installed December 27th, 1884 :—W.M., John A. Kerr ; I.P.M., James H. Benson ; S.W., Percy R. Neale ; J.W., James A. MacCaul ; Chap., Frank Frazer ; Treas., William J. Lindsay ; Sec'y, Fred K. Gibson ; S.D., W. F. Eddy ; J.D., E. G. Weeks ; D. of C., Thos. Barton ; I.G., C. H. Barker ; S.S., Fred. P. Welsh ; J.S., W. D. Firstbrook ; Tyler, J. S. Laidlaw.

Installed December 28th, 1885 :—W.M., Percy R. Neale ; I.P.M., John A. Kerr ; S.W., James A. MacCaul ; J.W., E. G. Weeks ; Chap., Rev. Alex. Urquhart ; Treas., W. J. Lindsay ; Sec'y, W. D. Firstbrook ; S.D., W. F. Eddy ; J.D., C. H. Barker ; D. of C., Thos. Barton ; I.G., W. H. Hamilton ; S.S., F. J. Hunter ; J.S., D. A. McDonald ; Tyler, J. S. Laidlaw.

Installed December 27th, 1886 :—W.M., James A. MacCaul ; I.P.M., Percy R. Neale ; S.W., E. G. Weeks ; J.W., C. H. Barker ; Chap. Rev. A. Urquhart ; Treas., W. Cruickshank ; Sec'y, F. J. Hunter ; S.D., W. T. Mollard ; J.D., Donald A. McDonald ; D. of C., Philip Thomas ; I.G., D. H. Gillespie ; S.S., W. Henderson ; J.S., Hugh McKay ; Tyler, J. S. Laidlaw.

Installed December 27th, 1887 :—W.M., James A. MacCaul; I.P.M., Percy R. Neale; S.W., Hugh McKay; J.W., W. T. Mollard; Chap., Rev. A. Urquhart; Treas., Donald A. McDonald; Sec'y, A. E. MacCaul; S.D., D. H. Gillespie; J.D., James N. Chatwin; D. of C., Philip Thomas; I.G., S. B. Jamieson; S.S., Wm. Cruickshank; J.S., Thomas Barton; Tyler, Peter Hourie.

Installed December 27th, 1888 :—W.M., E. G. Weeks; I.P.M., James A. MacCaul; S.W., James N. Chatwin; J.W., J. R. Marshall; Chap., Rev. A. Urquhart; Treas., D. A. McDonald; Sec'y, Alex. Shepphard; S.D., Donald McDougall; J.D., Robert Barnes; I.G., John Martin; S.S., J. J. Matthews; J.S., Adam Robinson; Tyler, Thomas Phillip.

Installed December 27th, 1889 :—W.M., W. Henderson; I.P.M., E. G. Weeks; S.W., S. B. Jamieson; J.W., Robert Belcher; Chap., Jas. Bole; Treas., W. C. Hamilton; Sec'y, R. B. Fergusson; S.D., R. Barnes; J.D., John Martin; D. of C., D. McDougall; I.G., Chas. Willoughby; S.S., A. Robinson; J.S. Andrew Martin; Tyler, Daniel Fisher.

Installed December 27th, 1890 :—W.M. William Henderson; I.P.M., E. G. Weeks; S.W., W. Clus-ton; J.W., John Martin; Chap., Jas. Bole; Treas., R. B. Fergusson; Sec'y, W. J. Chisholm; S.D., W. C. Hamilton; J.D., J. G. Main; D. of C., Adam Robinson; I.G., Frank Nash; S.S., Andrew Martin; J.S., Chas. Willoughby; Tyler, Philip Thomas.

Installed December 28th, 1891:—W.M., S. B. Jamieson; I.P.M., W. Henderson; S.W., Robert Belcher; J.W., W. C. Hamilton; Chap, Jas. Bole; Treas., R. B. Fergusson; Sec'y, W. J. Chisholm; S.D., Chas. Willoughby; J.D., Frank Nash; D. of C., A. Robinson; I G, M. J. Evoy; S.S., A. Martin; J.S., John R. C. Honeyman; Tyler, Geo. H. Gamble.

Installed December 27th, 1892:—W.M., James N. Chatwin; I.P.M., S. B. Jamieson; S.W., W. J. Chisholm; J.W., Alex. Shepphard; Chap., James Bole; Treas., R. B. Fergusson; S.D., J. R. Marshall; J.D., L. C. Rodgers; D. of C., P. Thomas; I G., Jas. McKee; S.S., H. V. Koelle; J.S., T. Fleetham; Tyler, G. H. Gamble.



## In Memoriam.

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*"Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues"*

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BRO. THOMAS L. CLINTON, aged 42; initiated 5th June, 1883; died 30th October, 1883.

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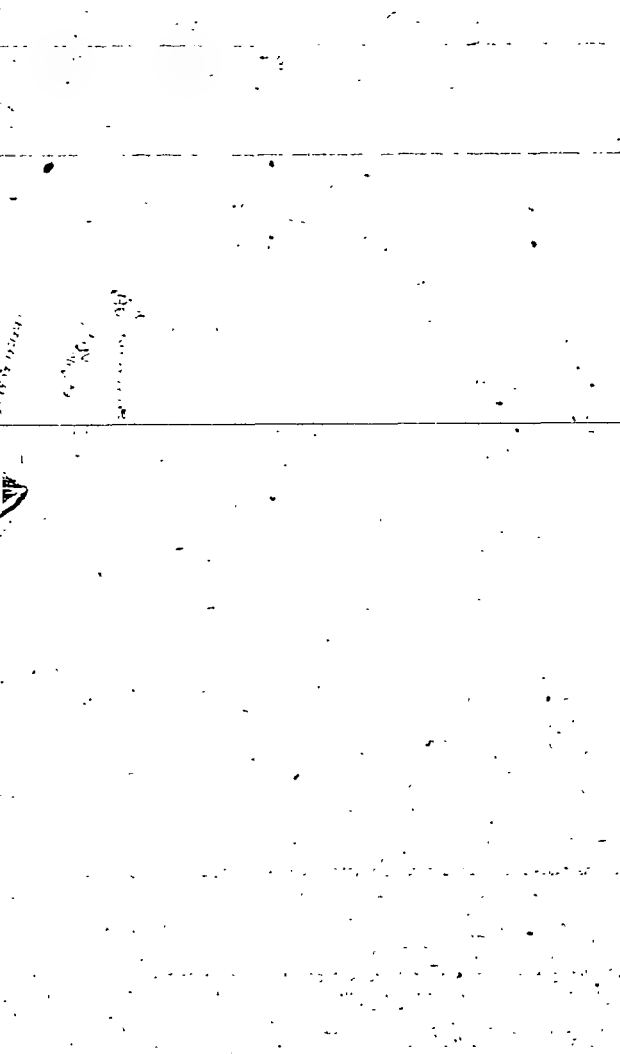
BRO. HUGH MCKAY, aged 38; initiated 1st May, 1883; died 24th March, 1889.

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BRO. WARREN HUME PINGLE, aged 45; affiliated 27th December, 1888; died 15th July, 1889.

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BRO. EDWARD GEORGE WEEKS, P.D. D.G.M., aged 45; affiliated 4th September, 1883; died 26th September, 1892.



# BY-LAWS

OF

## Wascana Lodge No. 23,

G. R. M., A. F. & A. M.

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All former By-laws of this Lodge are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

### PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, whose supremacy is hereby acknowledged, has duly chartered and legally constituted this Lodge under the name of Wascana Lodge No. 23; and whereas, by virtue thereof, it possesses all the powers of a warranted Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge; therefore, the following is enacted, pursuant to the Constitution and Regulations, as its code of By-laws.

### ARTICLE 1.—COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The communications of this Lodge shall be either regular, emergent or festival.

2. The regular communications shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock p.m.

3. The order of business at every regular communication shall be as follows, subject, however, to be changed at any time by the W.M.:

1. Reading minutes of last regular and all intervening communications.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Balloting.
4. Reception of applications.
5. Accounts and communications.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Conferring degrees.

No new business will be entered upon after 11 o'clock p.m.

4. All business of this Lodge must originate at regular communications, except the burial of the dead. All balloting on applications for initiations or affiliations, and all appropriations of the funds of the Lodge, must be done at regular communications, except as provided in the Constitution.

5. No regular communication can be called off beyond the day and night in which it was opened, and the Lodge must be regularly closed before the Brethren disperse.

6. Degrees may be conferred at emergent communications, provided the candidates have been duly



elected at regular communications, or in the case of emergency, as provided by the Constitution.

7. Emergent communications may be held at any time at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, by giving due notice to the members, for such purposes as may be specified in the notice, and are not incompatible with the laws and usages of Masonry.

8. The festival communications for the purpose of social pleasure may be held on each anniversary of the Saints John (St. John the Baptist, June 24th; St. John the Evangelist, December 27th), or on such day after and at such hours as shall have been previously designated by vote of the Lodge, or as ordered by the W. M.

9. No communication of this Lodge, either regular or emergent, can be held unless the Charter is in the possession of the Lodge.

10. Refreshments, other than spirituous or malt liquors, may be ordered by the Worshipful Master at any communication, to be paid for by the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE 2.—OFFICERS.

11. The Officers of this Lodge shall be ranked and entitled as follows:

1. The Worshipful Master.
2. The Senior Warden.
3. The Junior Warden.
4. The Treasurer.

5. The Secretary.
6. The Chaplain.
7. The Senior Deacon.
8. The Junior Deacon.
9. The Director of Ceremonies.
10. The Organist.
11. The Inner Guard.
12. The Senior Steward.
13. The Junior Steward.
14. The Tyler.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

12. The election of Officers shall be held at the regular communication preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

13. The elective officers shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and, by open vote, a Tyler. A majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

14. At the regular communication immediately preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and after the regular business of the Lodge is transacted, the Worshipful Master shall order the Lodge to prepare for the election of officers.

15. The Secretary shall then call over the roll of all the members of the Lodge (Master Masons) who are entitled to vote, beginning with the Worshipful Master, and continuing according to rank and seniority,

and as each one's name is mentioned he shall approach the box and deposit a written ballot.

16. When all the votes are collected they shall be delivered to the scrutineers appointed by the Worshipful Master, who shall, after they have carefully ascertained the state of the vote, report to the W. M., who shall then proclaim the officer elected.

17. The W. M. shall, after his installation, appoint the Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Stewards, who shall then be installed.

18. No person not a member of this Lodge shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office therein, except that of Secretary, Organist or Tyler.

19. No member shall suffer another to know for whom his vote is cast.

20. No member present and entitled to vote shall be excused from that duty, save by permission of the W. M., granted for good, and sufficient reasons presented.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

21. The installation of officers of this Lodge shall be held on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, (and if the Festival shall occur on Sunday, then on the following day), at such hour as the W. M. shall appoint, of which the members shall be notified.

22. The elective officers must be installed in person ;

any appointed officer not being present may be installed by proxy. An officer re-elected to the office in which he has just served one or more terms, need not be re-installed therein.

23. Each officer duly elected or appointed and installed, shall hold his office until his successor is duly elected or appointed and installed.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

24. The Worshipful Master: In addition to those duties prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, also those which appertain to every individual Mason, as well as those which are purely traditional and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Worshipful Master are: To preserve the Charter of the Lodge with unfailing care, and deliver it to his successor in office. To take command of the other officers, and claim of them at any time advice and assistance on any business relating to the Craft. To represent the Lodge, in conjunction with the Senior and Junior Wardens, at all the communications of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba. To sign all orders upon the Treasurer, but not without the consent of the Lodge. To appoint all committees, except as otherwise provided. To see that all unmasonic conduct that comes to his knowledge be faithfully dealt with, according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the By-laws of this Lodge. To preside at the burial services of deceased Master Masons. To fill vacancies by pro tem. appointments. To convene the Lodge by special meeting whenever there shall appear to him an

emergent occasion, seven clear days' notice to be given to the members, except in the case of funeral emergencies. To see that his successor in office is properly installed. To see that worthy brothers, visitors from other Lodges, have courteous attention and welcome to this Lodge. To give, in addition to his proper vote, the casting vote at any time in the event of a tie, except in votes by ballot. To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

25. The Senior and Junior Wardens: The Wardens shall assist the W.M. in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge, but not confer degrees. The Wardens may invite a Past Master to officiate as Master. It shall also be the duty of the Junior Warden to take cognizance of all complaints made by brethren of unmasonic conduct and irregularity in members, and bring the same before the Lodge if in his opinion necessary. Provided this shall not be a bar to any brother bringing his complaint directly before the Lodge on the neglect or refusal of the Junior Warden.

26. The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have in charge the funds of the Lodge, and shall deposit the same in a chartered bank (to be designated by the Lodge) to the credit of the Lodge, and shall discharge all orders which have been duly signed by the W.M. and Secretary, by cheque, countersigned by the W.M. He shall keep regular and accurate accounts of all monies received and paid by him on account of the

Lodge, so as to exhibit the amount of cash in his possession, which accounts shall be produced at any communication of the Lodge for inspection, at the request of the W.M. or the Lodge. He shall make an annual report in detail to the Lodge at the regular communication preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or oftener if required by the W.M. or the Lodge, and shall immediately transfer the balance in favor of the Lodge and all books in his possession to his successor in office upon his installation. He shall deliver up all books, papers and funds when directed to do so by the W.M. or the Lodge.

27. The Secretary: In addition to those duties which are prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the duties of the Secretary are: To observe the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure. To issue all notices of meetings. To attend upon trials and meetings for taking evidence. To furnish copies of all evidence taken on trials where an appeal to the Grand Lodge is demanded. To furnish dimits, &c., duly signed and sealed by order of the Lodge. To notify the subordinate Lodges in the District and the Grand Lodge promptly of all suspensions and rejections from the Lodge. To prepare a balance sheet of all the accounts of the members, and a roll of all who are entitled to vote; likewise, annually, an official statement of his own account with the Lodge. The Secretary shall promptly deliver to his successor in office all the books, papers, vouchers, &c., in his possession having any reference to the business of his office. All petitions and documents of every character handed to

the Secretary on the business of the Lodge shall be labelled, fyled for preservation, and kept in some safe and secure place, and only delivered up to the Lodge according to the evident intention of these By-laws. For the satisfactory discharge of his duties he shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge shall by vote determine.

The Treasurer and Secretary shall, if required by the Lodge, execute a good and sufficient bond to the Worshipful Master for the faithful performance of their duties.

28. The Deacons: The Deacons shall attend the Worshipful Master and his Wardens in opening the Lodge and in the ceremonies of conferring the several degrees upon candidates, and otherwise as the Worshipful Master and his Wardens may direct.

29. Director of Ceremonies: The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Lodge is properly prepared, and that all brethren appear in the Lodge in the clothing prescribed by the Book of Constitution, and to the best of his ability see that every brother is placed according to his station. He shall act as marshall on all public occasions.

30. The Organist: The Organist shall attend all communications of the Lodge, and perform the duties naturally appertaining to his office, subject to the orders of the Worshipful Master. For the satisfactory discharge of his duties he shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge shall by vote determine.

31. The Tyler : The Tyler shall attend all the communications of the Lodge, and tile the door subject to the orders of the Worshipful Master. For the satisfactory performance of which service he shall receive the sum of Two Dollars for each communication which he performs his duties.

32. All other officers shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Worshipful Master and the Wardens not conflicting with these By-laws, the laws and the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the usages and general regulations of Masonry.

### ARTICLE 3.—COMMITTEES.

33. The Room Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Secretary, and shall make a detailed report to the Nodge at the Annual Communication in December, in each year.

34. A Committee on Grievances, consisting of three members of the Lodge, shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master, at the installation of the officers, whose duty it shall be to enquire into all difficulties that may arise between brethren, and reconcile the same if it be in their power; if not in their power, and the same be of a sufficiently grave character, they shall report the same to the Lodge, which shall take such action thereon as the case may require. And it is hereby made the duty of every member to report to the said Committee, all the un-masonic conduct of the brethren, and the said Committee are hereby invested



with full power to enquire into the conduct of the members of this Lodge, and report to the Lodge as often as they may see proper or thereto requested by the Lodge.

35. The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Committee of three, for the purpose of investigating cases requiring relief in cases of sickness or other cause, and such Committee shall have power to appoint watchers to assist in the care (if necessary) of such sick brother, and report the same, to the Worshipful Master, and also to the Lodge.

36. The Worshipful Master shall, on the day of his installation, appoint two brethren a committee, whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report thereon at the next regular communication.

#### ARTICLE 4.—ATTENDANCE.

37. A book shall be placed in the ante-room, in which, previously to entering the Lodge, every member and visitor shall enter his name and rank, and in the case of visiting brethren the name and number of the Lodge from which they hail.

38. In order to secure that regularity and decorum so highly necessary for the benefit and government of the Lodge, it is necessary that the members, but more especially the Officers, shall attend punctually at the hour named in the notice calling the communication.

## ARTICLE 5.—MEMBERSHIP.

39. Application for Initiation. An application for Initiation shall be made by a written petition in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Constitution, and must be accompanied by one half of the fee for the three degrees.

40. Should the applicant be rejected, the deposit fee shall be returned to him; should he be elected and fail to come forward for initiation within six months, his fee shall be declared forfeited and the whole proceedings in his case null and void, unless reasons satisfactory to the Lodge be given for such non-attendance.

41. Applications for Affiliation. An application for Affiliation with this Lodge shall be made by a written petition in accordance with the form prescribed by the Constitution.

42. Each application, when so presented, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Lodge who shall diligently enquire into the character and qualifications of the applicant, and make such a written report thereon as they may deem proper at the next regular communication thereafter, if expedient.

43. Life Membership. Any member who has paid all dues that may have accrued against him during his

membership, may become a life member on payment of a fee as follows :

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Over 20 years membership..... | \$ 5 00 |
| “ 15 “ “ .....                | 10 00   |
| “ 10 “ “ .....                | 20 00   |
| “ 5 “ “ .....                 | 30 00   |
| Under 5 “ “ .....             | 40 00   |

44. A life member shall be exempt from annual dues, and shall be entitled to a certificate of life membership as provided in the Constitution.

45. All applications for life membership shall be made in writing at a regular communication, accompanied by the proper fee.

46. Honorary Membership. No brother shall become an Honorary Member of this Lodge until he has been regularly proposed and seconded at one regular communication, and his name been inserted in the notices for the next regular communication, at which he must be elected by unanimous vote.

47. Balloting. No person shall be initiated in or become a member of this Lodge if, on the ballot being taken, one black ball shall be found against him.

48. Fees. The fees for the degrees in this Lodge shall be as follows : For the three degrees, including Grand Lodge fees for Registration, a Grand Lodge certificate, a book of Constitution, a copy of the By-laws of this Lodge, and a Master Mason's Apron when

raised, \$35, which shall be paid before the candidate is initiated.

49. For a brother who has been initiated, or initiated and passed, in some other regular Lodge, and who desires to be passed and raised, or raised in this Lodge, for each degree so conferred, \$10 payable in advance. (This is not, however, intended to prevent the Lodge from conferring degrees on a brother free of charge, at the request of the Lodge in which he was initiated.)

50. For a Lodge of emergency called at the request and for the accommodation of a candidate for any one of the degrees, in addition to all other fees, \$5.00.

51. Dues. The annual dues of each member (except members residing over twenty miles from Regina) shall be \$4.00 and shall be payable yearly, on or before the 27th of December.

52. The annual dues of each member residing over twenty miles from Regina shall be \$2.00, payable yearly, on or before the 27th of December.

53. At a regular communication within six months after the 27th of December in each year, the W.M. shall cause to be read in open Lodge, the names of all members one year or over in arrears of dues, and shall then direct the Secretary to notify each delinquent by registered letter to his last known address, to appear at the next regular communication following, and show cause why he should not be suspended for

non-payment of dues, and failing to appear and show cause at the specified time, or give the Lodge a satisfactory reason in writing for his delinquency he shall than be suspended as provided by the Constitution.

54. Any member, one year in arrears of dues, shall have no right to vote or hold office in this Lodge.

55. The amount of each member's dues to the end of the current year shall be inserted in his notices of regular communications at least once in every two months.

#### ARTICLE 6.—RELIEF.

56. It shall be the duty of any brother to report to the Lodge, when at labor, any case of sickness or distress among its members, within his knowledge, and the Lodge shall then take such action or grant such relief from the funds of the Lodge as may be deemed necessary.

57. The Worshipful Master may, at his discretion, grant temporary relief, not exceeding \$25.00, to any distressed member in good standing, or to the family of such, and shall report the same at the next regular communication, when, upon investigation, such further aid may be given as the Lodge may deem proper and the necessity of the case require.

#### ARTICLE 7.—PROPERTY.

58. All property of every kind belonging to the

Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being, who shall personally inspect the same before their installation and at frequent intervals during their term of office, and report to the Room Committee any neglect of duty on the part of the caretaker.

57. The Worshipful Master shall see that a correct inventory of the property of the Lodge is kept in a book provided for that purpose, and that the Lodge is fully protected by insurance against fire.

#### ARTICLE 8.—WITHDRAWALS.

60. Any member in good standing and whose dues are paid may withdraw from the Lodge at any time by making written application at a regular communication, and he shall receive a dimit as provided in the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE 9.—ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

61. Any action of the Grand Lodge or edict of the Grand Master which may conflict with any part of these By-laws, shall have the effect of an amendment without any action on the part of the Lodge.

62. Any part of these By-laws may be amended or annulled, or others substituted in their stead, by a notice of motion given at a regular communication, which shall be entered on the minutes and inserted in the notices for the next regular communication, when the proposed alteration shall come before the Lodge for discussion. The assent of two-thirds of the mem-

bers present shall be necessary for the adoption of such amendment, which must then be submitted to the Grand Master for his confirmation before it becomes law.

#### ARTICLE 10.—SIGNING OF BY-LAWS, ETC.

63. These By-laws, when transferred to a book for the purpose, shall be signed by the Master and Secretary, and have the seal of the Lodge affixed. Each brother is also to sign them, as a declaration of submission to them, and one copy shall be delivered to each member free of expense, but should he require another copy he shall pay twenty-five cents for the same, toward the general funds of the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE 11.—RULES OF ORDER.

64. No motion shall be given for discussion until stated to the Lodge by the Master. All motions shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise provided. The votes of the members are given by each holding out his right hand, and shall be counted by the Master and Deacons, unless the numbers should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

65. Every brother, when speaking, shall address himself to the Master, and no brother shall speak more than twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply. No visitor shall speak to any question without leave of the Master, nor shall he on any occasion be allowed to vote during his continuance in the Lodge he shall be subject to its By-laws.

66. On a point of order being raised while a brother is speaking, or when called to order by the Master, he shall at once take his seat, when the point of order shall be stated by the brother objecting, the Master shall decide thereon without debate, after which the brother may proceed. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment, unless for the previous question, or to lie on the table.

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67. All notices of motion shall be in writing, and the Secretary may require any motion to be made in writing.

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68. No member or visiting brother shall disclose or make known by any means whatsoever out of this Lodge, any of the proceedings, or any of the decisions, or business of any kind transacted within the Lodge, to any one not a Mason, or no member or visitor shall presume in open Lodge, either at labor or refreshment, to make use of any profane, irreverent or improper expressions of sentiments, or to introduce any conversation or remarks tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political, or religious subjects, under the penalty, if a member, of severe censure and reprimand, and if a visiting brother, of not again being permitted to visit this Lodge until after a unanimous vote of the Lodge for that purpose. On the initiation of each candidate, and on the joining of each brother, the Master shall cause this article to be



read, so that no brother ever after shall plead ignorance.

Adopted October 4th, 1892.

W. J. CHISHOLM,

Secretary.

S. B. JAMIESON,

W.M.

### PETITION FOR INITIATION

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of Wascana Lodge No. 23, G. R. M. A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that, unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry; that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion preconceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures; that he is free by birth; that he has resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba one year or more, and at the place below named six months or more, next preceding the date hereof; that he has not, within twelve months past, been rejected by any Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and that he promises, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

He was born at.....; date.....; his age is..... years; he resides at.....; his occupation is.....; he has resided for the year last past at.....; he has not presented his petition to another Lodge.

DATED at.....this.....day of.....A.D. 18..... A.L. 58.....

“(Signature).....”

We are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Free Masonry.

\* A person who cannot write is therefore ineligible.

# PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of Wascana  
Lodge No. 23, G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Mason  
in good standing, AS BY THE ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE  
WILL APPEAR, and that he now desires, if found worthy, to  
become a member of your Lodge, and promises to abide by the  
laws of your Lodge and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

He was born at.....; his age is..... years; his occu-  
pation is.....; he resides at.....; he was Raised  
in..... Lodge No..... located at.....

DATED at..... this..... day of..... A.L. 58.....

*Signature.....*

We, the undersigned, are personally acquainted with the  
above named brother, and cheerfully recommend him as a  
proper candidate for membership in our Lodge.

In all cases where the petition for Affiliation is rejected, the  
Dimit or Certificate of Standing accompanying it must be  
returned to the Petitioner; if the candidate be elected, such  
Dimit or Certificate of Standing must be cancelled and filed  
by the Secretary of the Lodge.